

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2014

PETITIONS

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE HEAD,
DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

SUMMARY

1. The Council's Constitution provides for up to three petitions to be received at each Council Meeting. These are taken in order of receipt. This report sets out the valid petitions submitted for presentation at the Council meeting on Wednesday 26th November 2014.
2. The deadline for receipt of petitions for this meeting is noon on Thursday 20th November. However, at the time of agenda despatch the maximum number of petitions has already been received as set out overleaf.
3. The texts of the petitions received for presentation to this meeting are set out in the attached report. In each case the petitioners may address the meeting for no more than three minutes. Members may then question the petitioners for a further four minutes. Finally, the relevant Cabinet Member or Chair of Committee may respond to the petition for up to three minutes.
4. Any outstanding issues will be referred to the relevant Corporate Director for attention who will respond to those outstanding issues in writing within 28 days.
5. Members, other than a Cabinet Member or Committee Chair responding at the end of the item, should confine their contributions to questions and not make statements or attempt to debate.

5.1 Petition to reduce the speed limit on Longnor Estate (Petition from Ms. Joan Burton and others)

“To reduce the speed limit on Longnor Estate to 20 m.p.h”

5.2 Petition regarding services for children (Petition from Ms. Christine Trumper on behalf of Community Solutions)

“We plead with the Council not to make any cuts in or to services that affect children, especially in light of London Borough of Tower Hamlets being the borough with the highest rate of child poverty in London.”

5.3 Petition against ‘the witch-hunt on Tower Hamlets’ (Petition from Suja Miah and others)

“We, the undersigned, condemn the recent attacks on our borough both in Parliament and within certain sections of the media, after the publication of the Price Waterhouse Coopers’ (PWC) Best Value Report by Eric Pickles, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government into the London Borough of Tower Hamlets.

Tower Hamlets is a high performing Council under the leadership of Mayor Lutfur Rahman, who has been democratically voted in twice by the residents of the borough as their Mayor.

The decision to send Auditors into the Council was political motivated after opposition parties in Tower Hamlets alleged fraud and corruption. The PWC report found no fraud or corruption and it has cost us as taxpayers £1M.

We are proud that Mayor Lutfur Rahman is standing up for Tower Hamlets and deplore the divisive comments made by our two MPs in Parliament. We have signed this petition as a sign of solidarity with Mayor Lutfur Rahman and his administration.”